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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-290-WS

Dear Erick Sickinger ,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer



\* Required Fields

**Letter of Protest**  
**Docket No. 2019-290-WS**

Date: \* 12-16-2019

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Erik Sickinger

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \* Irmo, SC

Phone \*

E-mail

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a rate payer, and serve as an elected council representative for Irmo.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

1. Irmo residents cannot afford a rate increase. The town has a not insignificant number of fixed income residents who cannot spare an extra ~\$40 a month. This would cause undue hardship on those residents, forcing them to choose between saving for retirement, purchasing medicine, or paying their sewer bill.
2. Those who consume less should not be forced to subsidize those who use more. It is not the rate payer's fault that over the last decade no steps were made to rectify that situation.
3. This increase would effectively put lower-middle class Irmo residents among the highest rate payers in the nation. Even more so when one considers the consumption-fee ratio.
4. The accelerated depreciation of the Friarsgate treatment plant is not appropriate. It is not the rate payer's fault that it was poorly operated, and maintained.

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

I will speak at the nighttime hearing in Irmo, in January.

Signature Required: Erik Sickinger

Digitally signed by Erik Sickinger  
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